
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM AT
NĀNĀKULI HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT
TO THEIR CIVIC DUTY.

1 WHEREAS, a group of students from Nānākuli High and
2 Intermediate School participating in the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM started
3 working at Ka'ala Farm in Wai'anae Valley to learn about
4 watershed resource management and agriculture; and
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6 WHEREAS, the students learned how Hawaiians had used the
7 water from streams that flowed through the valley for traditional
8 agriculture and fish ponds and that water had been capped and
9 diverted by the sugar plantations in the late 1800's only to be
10 used later for residential development; and
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12 WHEREAS, they also learned that releasing the water into
13 the stream will help to feed our aquifers, allow the stream to
14 flow to the ocean, and create brackish waters that will allow the
15 endemic species of 'o'opu, 'opae, and other fish like the 'anae to
16 spawn, as well as promote limu growth; and
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18 WHEREAS, there are at least four streams in Wai'anae Valley
19 - Kūmaipō, Hiu, Kalalula, and Nioloopua - that no longer flow
20 year-round due to water diversions; and
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22 WHEREAS, the students began to research the laws and
23 policies on water resource management as part of their
24 experiential learning; and
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26 WHEREAS, based on their research, they learned that the
27 Commission on Water Resource Management has the responsibility
28 to protect the traditional and customary practices and natural
29 resources dependent on streamflow, and found that Wai'anae is the



1 only place on O'ahu that does not have a water management area
2 designation; and
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4 WHEREAS, community members from the ahupua'a of Nānākuli,
5 Lualualei, Wai'anae, and Mākaha have expressed a desire to
6 restore the water being diverted out of Wai'anae back into the
7 stream, to allow mahi'ai (farmers) who use generational and
8 traditional Hawaiian plants in Wai'anae; and
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10 WHEREAS, these 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM students attended the
11 Wai'anae Coast Neighborhood Board meeting on November 1, 2016,
12 and through their efforts the board unanimously passed a
13 resolution researched and written by the students; and
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15 WHEREAS, the students also presented their resolution at a
16 community meeting held in the Wai'anae Moku where a panel of
17 expert members on water resource management were present; and
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19 WHEREAS, the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM students additionally attended
20 an agriculture committee meeting to prepare for this panel
21 discussion and to propose their resolution on restoring water to
22 the watershed for this panel to deliberate; and
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24 WHEREAS, at the 2016 and 2017 Annual Conventions of the
25 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in
26 Seattle, Washington, the resolution based on the one drafted by
27 the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM students was introduced by the Princess
28 Ka'iulani Hawaiian Civic Club and Ke One O Kākuhihewa, O'ahu
29 Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
32 recommended that the resolution be deferred and that association
33 members work with the students to rewrite the resolution; and
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35 WHEREAS, the resolution submitted by the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM
36 students was amended and eventually passed at the 2018 Annual
37 Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in
38 Kalapaki, Kaua'i; and



1 WHEREAS, the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, 98th Annual Song
2 Contest Pre-Show, featured the process that the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM
3 Students took to engage with the Association of Hawaiian Civic
4 Clubs, supporting a movement started by Prince Jonah Kūhiō
5 Kalaniana'ole over 100 years ago; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
9 2019, that this body, on this 4th day of February 2019, hereby
10 commends the students and teachers of the 'A'ALI'I PROGRAM at
11 Nānākuli High and Intermediate School for their commitment to
12 their civic duty and offers its warmest aloha and best wishes
13 for continued success in all future endeavors.
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